

**SAFETY DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE NOTICES**  
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**CHILD SEATS:**

Britax is recalling certain Chaperone infant child restraint systems produced from September 1, 2010, through April 30, 2011. The harness adjuster can detach from the seat shell. Should the harness adjuster detach from the seat, the child will not be properly restrained in the event of a crash, increasing the risk of injury or death. Britax will notify owners and provide repair kits free of charge. The safety recall and mailing of the kits began on February 7, 2012. Until then, any seats on which the harness adjuster has detached will be replaced. Owners may contact Britax at 1-888-427-4829 or visit [www.BritaxUSA.com](http://www.BritaxUSA.com).

**12C-001**

**EQUIPMENT:**

Dexter Axle is recalling certain electric/hydraulic (E/H) brake actuator pumps sold for use on various trailers. Some of these pumps may not have been properly heat treated. This condition can cause premature wear of some critical components in these pumps which can render the unit inoperable. The E/H brake actuator provides braking power to the trailer brakes. Failure of the actuator can result in the loss of braking effort by the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash. Dexter Axle is working with the installers and vehicle manufacturers to identify and notify owners who may have had the affected E/H brake actuator installed on their vehicle. The safety recall began on December 20, 2011. Owners may contact Dexter Axle at 1-260-636-5311 or their vehicle manufacturer.

**11E-057**

Bendix is recalling certain ATR-6 traction relay valves produced from December 2, 2010, through January 18, 2012. The valves were sold as aftermarket service parts and installed as original equipment by various vehicle manufacturers. Due to a design modification, in extremely cold conditions, internal leakage can potentially develop, resulting in pressure being delivered to the affected service brake circuit. If pressure is delivered to the service brake circuits, intermittent or continued brake application may occur without warning and possibly without illuminating the brake lights. Either condition may increase the risk of a crash. Bendix will notify owners who purchased the affected ATR-6 traction relay valves as aftermarket parts. Vehicle manufacturers will notify their owners. Bendix will provide a remedy free of charge. A temporary fix is available while the manufacturer develops a permanent remedy. The manufacturer has not yet provided the agency with a notification schedule. Owners may contact Bendix at 1-440-329-9000 or their vehicle manufacturer.

**12E-001**

**TIRES:**

Toyo Tire is recalling certain Toyo Extensa A/S tires, size P225/60R16 97T, produced from September 20, 2009, through November 6, 2010. Some of these tires may have been produced with a kink in the bead area. Under certain circumstances, the kink may eventually lead to a crack in the bead area, which is near the rim. If a crack develops and is left undetected, the tire may fail, potentially causing loss of vehicle control and a crash, which could result in injury or death. Toyo Tire will notify owners and replace the tires free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on or about February 2, 2012. Owners may contact Toyo Tire at 1-800-442-8696 (6:30am to 5pm Pacific time) (9:30am to 8pm Eastern time).

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**12T-002**

**VEHICLES:**

Mitsubishi is recalling certain model year 2012 Outlander Sport vehicles, manufactured from November 9, 2011, through December 16, 2011. These vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." The turn signal levers in the vehicle were not manufactured correctly, which could result in the auto-cancel function of the turn signal becoming inoperative. The turn signal may continue to signal an intended directional change after a point when the auto-cancel function, if operating properly, would have terminated the signal. A following or oncoming driver may receive inaccurate indications of the vehicle operator's intended maneuvers, thereby increasing the risk of a crash between vehicles due to improper vehicle signaling. Dealers will inspect the turn signal lever and replace it with a new one free of charge. No vehicles have been retailed to customers with this potential condition, no recall bulletin or owner letters will be prepared. You may contact Mitsubishi at 1-800-222-0037.

**12V-001**

New Flyer is recalling certain model years 2009-2012 XDE40, model years 2010-2011 models XD35 and XDE35, model year 2010 XD40, and model year 2011 XN40 transit buses, manufactured from January 2010, through December 2011, and equipped with a Parker-Hannifin (Vansco) instrument panel. The programming of the instrument panel is such that if multiple error messages are received by the instrument panel from the vehicle powertrain, the "check engine" and/or "stop engine" indicator lamps on the dash may not illuminate and the engine may enter a safety or shutdown mode of operation. Engine shutdown would result in loss of vehicle propulsion or vehicle stall, either of which increases the risk of a crash. New Flyer will reprogram the instrument panel free of charge. The safety recall began on January 9, 2012. New Flyer will upload a corrected software version free of charge. Owners may contact New Flyer at 1-204-934-4876.

**12V-002**

Elkhart is recalling certain model year 2006-2010 ECI and ECII vehicles manufactured from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2010, and equipped with Carrier GENV EM-1 evaporator units (EM-1). Due to time, temperature, and/or vibration, the fuse may loosen in the fuse holder resulting in high resistance and arcing. If sufficient arcing occurs, the fuse holder may melt, and may be accompanied by flame, smoke and potential fire. Elkhart will notify owners and provide information on how to obtain the retrofit kit from Carrier along with repair instructions. This service will be performed free of charge. The safety recall began on January 5, 2012. (See Carrier's recall campaign 11E-003.) Owners may contact Carrier at 1-800-348-7440.

**12V-003**

Chrysler is recalling certain model year 2012 Dodge Charger SRT8 and the Chrysler 300 SRT vehicles manufactured from May 2, 2011, through November 17, 2011, for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 138, "Tire Pressure Monitoring System" (TPMS). As built, the TPMS does not warn the driver when a tire is 25 percent below the recommended pressure. The recalled vehicles notify the customers when the tire pressure reaches 22 psi rather than the required 24 psi. Underinflated tires can result in tire overloading and overheating, which could lead to a blowout and possible crash. Chrysler

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will notify owners and dealers will reprogram the vehicle's TPMS. This service will be performed free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during February 2012. Owners may contact Chrysler at 1-800-853-1403.

### **12V-004**

Ford is recalling certain model year 2001-2002 Escape vehicles manufactured from October 22, 1999, through July 19, 2002, equipped with a brake master cylinder reservoir cap that could leak brake fluid. If brake fluid leaks from the cap, it could come in contact with the antilock brake system (ABS) module wiring harness connector. Corrosion can develop in the electrical connector leading to melting, smoke or a fire. Dealers will replace the brake master cylinder reservoir cap and the ABS electrical system will be modified. An interim letter was mailed on January 20, 2012. Due to a parts delay, however, the remedy may not be available currently. If parts are not available, Ford will instruct owners to park their vehicles outside until such time as parts become available. Owners may contact the Ford Motor Company Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332. This recall campaign is related to 07V-156.

### **12V-005**

Ford is recalling certain model year 2004 and 2005 Ford Freestar and Mercury Monterey vehicles. The torque converter output shaft may fail. This condition results in a sudden loss of motive power with no warning, increasing the risk of a crash. Ford will notify owners, and dealers will replace the torque converter free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin in the second calendar quarter of 2012. Owners may contact the Ford Motor Company Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's safety recall campaign number is 11S25.

### **12V-006**

Trans Tech is recalling certain model year 2009 through 2011 school buses manufactured from May 2010 through July 2011 equipped with C. E. White seat cushions. The self-latching mechanism used to retain the seat cushion to the frame may not activate. Accordingly, these seats fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection." If the seat cushion is not fully latched to the seat structure, it could flip up out of position in the event of a crash. This could increase the risk of injury to the vehicle occupants. Trans Tech will notify owners, and dealers will repair the seats free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during February 2012. Owners may contact Trans Tech at 1-845-988-2333.

### **12V-007**

BMW is recalling certain model year 2007-2011 Mini Cooper S, 2008-2011 Mini Cooper S Clubman, 2009-2011 Mini Cooper S Convertible, 2009-2011 Mini Cooper JCW, 2009-2011 Mini Cooper JCW Clubman, 2009-2011 Cooper JCW Convertible, and 2011 Cooper S Countryman passenger cars manufactured from November 14, 2006, through January 18, 2011. The electric auxiliary water pump that cools the turbocharger has an electronic circuit board that can malfunction and overheat. The circuit board may smolder which could result in a vehicle fire. BMW will notify owners, and dealers will replace the water pump free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during February 2012. Owners may contact BMW at 1-866-275-6464.

### **12V-008**

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Ford is recalling certain model year 2011 F-650 trucks, manufactured from February 2, 2011, through February 17, 2011, and equipped with a Meritor MFS08 front steer axle. The bolts attaching the steering arm to the steering knuckle were not properly tightened. This condition can result in the steering arm loosening or separating. Loss of steering control may increase the risk of a crash. Ford will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the steering arm and steering knuckle, and repair the vehicles as necessary, free of charge. The safety recall began on January 20, 2012. Owners may contact Ford Motor Company Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's safety recall number is 11S26.

**12V-009**

Daimler Trucks (DTNA) is recalling certain model year 2012 Freightliner Custom Chassis (FCC) model S2 106 CH incomplete vehicles, manufactured from February 24, 2011, through August 3, 2011. Due to a vehicle software issue, the side marker/directional lights to stop functioning after 5 to 13 minutes of vehicle operation. Failure of the side marker/directional lights to illuminate will result in decreased visibility of the vehicle and/or misinform other drivers as to the intended direction of travel, either of which could increase the risk of a crash. DTNA will notify owners, and the bulk-head module software will be updated by DTNA authorized service facilities, free of charge. The safety recall began on February 2, 2012. Owners may contact DTNA at 1-800-547-0712. This recall is related to recall 11V-578. DTNA's recall campaign number is FL-620.

**12V-010**

Glaval Bus is recalling certain model year 2006 through 2011 transit buses built on Ford, GMC, Chevrolet, and Freightliner chassis and equipped with Carrier GENV EM-1 evaporator units. Due to time, temperature, and/or vibration, the fuse may loosen in the fuse holder resulting in high resistance and arcing. If sufficient arcing occurs, the fuse holder may melt, and a vehicle fire may occur. Glaval Bus will notify owners and provide information on how to obtain the retrofit kit from Carrier along with repair instructions. This service will be performed free of charge. The safety recall began on January 14, 2012. (See Carrier's recall campaign 11E-003.) Owners may contact Carrier at 1-800-348-7440.

**12V-011**

Thor is recalling certain model year 2012 Dutchmen Voltage and Rubicon trailers, manufactured from July 19, 2011 through December 21, 2011. The trailer wheels may not be fully seated on the hub and therefore may loosen and potentially detach from the trailer. Wheel separation can lead to loss of control of the trailer increasing the risk of a crash. A detached wheel also poses a risk of injury to pedestrians and other vehicles. Thor will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the wheels, and repair the trailers as necessary, free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during February 2012. Owners may contact Thor Industries, Inc. at 1-937-596-6849.

**12V-012**

Tracker Marine is recalling certain model year 2012 Trailstar Z8 trailers and model year 2011-2012 Trailstar Z9 trailers, manufactured from July 12, 2010, through November 10, 2011. The brake caliper pins were not tightened to the correct specification allowing them to come loose. The brake caliper pins could back out resulting in loss of brake function, increasing the risk of a crash. Tracker Marine will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the caliper, and repair the trailers as necessary, free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin

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during February 2012. Owners may contact Tracker Marine at 1-417-873-4588.

**12V-013**

Kia Motors America, Inc. (Kia) is recalling certain model year 2006-2008 Kia Optima vehicles manufactured from September 29, 2005, through January 29, 2008, and model year 2007 and 2008 Kia Rondo vehicles manufactured from September 13, 2006, through March 21, 2008. The clock spring contact assembly for the driver's side air bag supplemental restraint system (SRS) may become damaged through usage over time. If the clock spring contact assembly becomes damaged, the driver's air bag electrical circuit will experience a high resistance condition potentially causing the driver's air bag to not deploy. If the clock spring develops high resistance, in the event of a crash, the driver's air bag will not deploy and will not be able to properly protect the driver, increasing the risk of injuries. Kia will notify owners, and dealers will replace the vehicle's air bag clock spring contact assembly as necessary, free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during March 2012. Owners may contact Kia Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-333-4542.

**12V-014**

Navistar is recalling certain model year 2005-2011 International 3200IM, and model year 2007-2011, IC bus model HC buses, manufactured from August 16, 2004, through May 13, 2010. When the bus kneeling feature is activated, the rear brake line may be pinched by a frame member causing the rear brakes to drag. Brakes that drag could overheat and may lead to a fire, which may cause property damage, personal injury, or death. Navistar will notify owners, and dealers will install a clip to ensure that the brake line cannot be pinched. This service will be performed free of charge. An interim owner notification letter will be sent if the final remedy is not available before March 20, 2012. Owners may contact Navistar at 1-800-448-7825.

**12V-015**

Mazda is recalling certain model year 2001-2002 Mazda Tribute vehicles manufactured from April 20, 2000, through July 19, 2002. The brake master cylinder reservoir cap can leak brake fluid. If brake fluid leaks, it could come in contact with the antilock brake system (ABS) module wiring harness connector. Corrosion may develop in the electrical connector leading melting, smoking or possible fire. Mazda will notify owners, and dealers will replace the vehicle's brake master cylinder reservoir cap and modify the ABS electrical system, free of charge. Until the repair has been performed, vehicle owners should park their vehicles outside. The safety recall is expected to begin during February 2012. Owners may contact Mazda at 1-800-222-5500. Mazda's safety recall campaign number is 6712A.

**12V-016**

Mack Trucks is recalling certain model year 2002-2005 MR and LE heavy trucks, manufactured from February 1, 2002, through December 22, 2004. Over time, the vehicle's load may result in fatigue cracks of the front axle beam. These cracks can propagate and result in complete fracture of the axle beam. If complete fracture occurs, the driver may lose control of the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash. This recall relates to previous recalls 09V-240 and 10V-069. Analysis of these recalls has shown that after the receiving the remedies, the axles may still crack. As such, Mack Trucks will replace the affected axles on any MR and LE models configured as front-loader or side-loader refuse trucks. Axles on all other MR and LE models will receive a mag-particle inspection and Mack will replace any affected axle beams free of charge. The safety recall is

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expected to begin on or before February 15, 2012. Owners may contact Mack Trucks at 1-800-866-1177.

**12V-017**

Temsa Global (Temsa) is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 TS35 buses for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air Brake Systems." The anti-lock brake system (ABS) malfunction warning indicator does not illuminate in a check lamp function when the ignition is turned to the "on" or "run" position. Without the check lamp feature, the driver may not be aware that the indicator lamp is not working properly, and if there were an ABS problem, the driver would not receive a warning. A malfunctioning anti-lock brake system may increase the risk of a crash. Temsa will notify owners, and dealers will repair the buses free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during February 2012. Owners may contact Temsa at 1-404-602-0151.

**12V-018**

BMW is recalling certain model year 2012 X5 XDrive 35i sports activity vehicles, manufactured from December 19, 2011, through December 21, 2011. Due to a manufacturing error, engagement of the transmission's parking lock may not occur even if the "P" position has been selected and is displayed. If the driver believes that the transmission is in park and does not use the parking brake, the vehicle could roll away after exiting the vehicle increasing the risk of a crash or injury. BMW will notify owners, and dealers will replace the automatic transmission free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during February 2012. Owners may contact BMW Customer Relations and Services at 1-800-525-7417.

**12V-019**

Utility Manufacturing Company (Utility) is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 Utility VS1DC and VS2DX Dry Vans manufactured from December 2010 through August 2011, and equipped with an optional liftgate battery box. The mounting plates used for mounting single or double battery boxes on trailers may be the incorrect size and some may also have been misoriented during installation. Battery boxes mounted with the incorrect size or improperly oriented mounting plates can become detached from the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash. Utility will notify owners and dealers will inspect the mounting plates and replace them as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification has already begun. Owners may contact Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company at 1-626-854-7215.

**12V-020**

Genie is recalling certain TZ-34 and TZ-50 trailer mounted aerial work platform booms, manufactured from January 1, 2010, through May 1, 2011, because the motor controller can fail. This component was also installed as a service part replacement on TMZ 34/19 and TMZ 50 units as part number 96769 and kit 99854 from January 1, 2010, through August 7, 2011. This recall is an expansion of a previous recall. Please see recall campaign number 11V-373. Failure of the motor controller can result in a fire. Genie will notify owners and dealers will repair the units free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on or about February 19, 2012. Owners may contact Genie's Service Department at 1-800-536-1800.

**12V-022**

Crossroads RV is recalling certain model year 2012 Rushmore and Elevation recreational vehicles manufactured

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from June 1, 2011, through January 12, 2012, with panther style 16" 8-lug aluminum wheels. These vehicles have been manufactured with an incorrect wheel center cap. The center cap that was assembled with the trailer did not provide adequate clearance to allow the wheel to fully seat on the hub face of the axle. This can result in a wheel becoming loose and potentially coming off of the trailer. A wheel separation can lead to loss of control of the trailer increasing the risk of a crash, serious injuries, or damage to others. Crossroads RV will notify owners, and replace the center caps free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during February 2012. Owners may contact Crossroads RV at 1-888-226-7496.

**12V-023**

Maserati is recalling certain model year 2008-2010 Granturismo and Granturismo convertible vehicles manufactured from June 2008 to March 2010. Due to a faulty lamp assembly, the rear lights (both tail and brake) may fail. Tail and/or brake lamp failure could lead to reduced vehicle visibility, increasing the risk of a crash. Maserati will notify owners and dealers will inspect and replace affected rear tail lamp assemblies free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during February 2012. Owners may contact Maserati at 1-201-816-2600. Maserati's safety recall number is 198.

**12V-024**

Honda is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 Ridgeline vehicles manufactured from August 25, 2011, through November 29, 2011. The spare tire installed in affected vehicles may not match the information on the vehicle's tire information placard. Therefore, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110, "Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles." An incorrect label could lead to improper tire inflation which could result in a tire failure, increasing the risk of a crash. Honda will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the spare tire and if necessary, exchange the spare tire assembly or replace the tire information placard free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on or before February 10, 2012. Owners may contact Honda at 1-800-999-1009.

**12V-025**

Paccar is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 Kenworth T170, T270, T370, T440, T470, T660, T700, T800, W900, and Peterbilt 320, 330, 337, 348, 365, 367, 382, 384, 386, 388, 389, and 587 vehicles, manufactured from January 31, 2011, through January 19, 2012, and equipped with Bendix ATR-6 antilock traction relay valves. In extremely cold conditions, these Bendix relay valves may potentially develop internal leakage. Internal leakage can lead to air pressure being delivered to affected primary or secondary brake causing continuous brake application. Unexpected continuous brake application can cause the brakes to overheat and lead to a fire. Unexpected continuous brake application can cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash. Also, the brakes may be applied without illuminating the brake lights, failing to give proper warning to other drivers. Paccar will notify owners, and provide a temporary repair until Bendix develops a permanent remedy. This service will be performed free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during February 2012. Owner may contact Kenworth at 1-425-828-5440 and Peterbilt at 1-940-591-4196.

**12V-026**

Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corporation (KME) is recalling certain model year 2003 through 2011 AerialCat

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model fire trucks equipped with an aerial bucket that is operated with electronic controls and a turntable that has hydraulic controls. On these vehicles, upon activation of the dead man's switch on the turntable, the ladder may unexpectedly move. If the ladder unexpectedly moves, the operator can lose control of the bucket location, increasing the risk of injury. KME will notify owners, and dealers will repair the trucks free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during February 2012. Owners may contact Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corporation at 1-570-669-5154.

**12V-027**

DRV Suites (DRV), formerly Doubletree RV, is recalling certain model year 2008 and 2010-2011 Select, Mobile, and Elite Suite recreational vehicles manufactured from June 12, 2007, through October 27, 2010 and equipped with disc brakes. Due to the paint applied to the aluminum wheel and hub face, the wheel may become loose. This situation can result in the wheel/rim moving, shearing of the wheel studs and the wheel coming off of vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash. DRV will notify owners, and dealers will remove the paint from the hub face and the back of the wheels free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during February or early March 2012. Owners may contact DRV at 1-574-457-6472.

**12V-028**

HME is recalling two model year 2011 1871 fire trucks equipped with Cummins engines. The V-band clamp assembly used to connect the inlet and outlet cone sections to the diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC) diesel particulate filter (DPF) include a T-bolt which can fracture and fail when subjected to stress or load. A fracture or failure of the T-bolt may cause the clamp to loosen and the inlet or outlet sections attached to the DOC/DPF housing to disconnect. If the inlet or outlet sections disconnect, hot exhaust gases can vent prior to exiting the tailpipe, creating the risk of combustion and a fire. If both clamps fail, there is a risk in some applications that the DOC/DPF housing may detach completely, creating a road hazard. HME has started its recall campaign and is working with Cummins to identify owners. Cummins is handling the owner notification and remedy for this campaign. Please see NHTSA recall 11E-031. Owners may contact Cummins at 1-812-377-5000. Cummins' recall campaign number is C1154.

**12V-033**